



THE FLOOR PLAN

Project Description:

The five story L-shaped building concept is compact, organizing public spaces around a central core.

Wayfinding to and within the building is clear and efficient. Sightlines are designed to facilitate surveillance in and around the building.

Ample detainee facilities and secure circulation are provided throughout the building. All nine courtrooms receive direct natural light and employee areas are designed to achieve maximum exposure to natural light while providing the appropriate mix of individual offices and open workstations.

This courthouse is planned to achieve LEED Silver Certification within the project budget. Life Cycle Cost Analysis has been calculated for various mechanical systems and building envelope schemes, and the preferred solution minimizes capital and operating costs, while maximizing potential utility rebates.

The site is particularly challenging, with a twenty foot drop from the back to the public front entrance (South Main Street). The ideal would be the inverse slope with service and detainee functions isolated in the basement with rear grade access. The Proposed Project resolves separated site access routes and secure internal circulation paths, while allowing the public entry, court support, detainee, and service functions to be all located on the first floor level. Access to the building from Second Street is provided by a graded pathway, and the first floor elevation is set to eliminate the need for a ramp. Provisions are made for drop off on South Main Street, the Borden Street Pedestrian Way, and Second Street and the garage. These drop off points are connected by a sweeping "arc" in the site plan development leading to the main entrance. The "arc" walkway is not only a site unifying feature, but its increased length allows a slope from back to front of less than 1:20, obviating the requirement for ramps and railings.



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